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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON HIRC MEMBERS' LETTER TO THE SECRETARY  
ON DCA

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1. SUMMARY: SEVERAL TURKISH PAPERS MARCH 9 GAVE MODERATELY  
PROMINENT TREATMENT TO STORIES BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORT  
OF LETTER SENT BY HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HIRC)  
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CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND 18 COLLEAGUES TO THE SECRETARY FEB 14  
(REFTEL). VERSIONS PUBLISHED HERE OMITTED MOST REFERENCE TO  
THE GREEK DCA AND "QUOTED" THE LETTER AS SAYING THE 19  
CONGRESSMEN STRONGLY DESIRED THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO  
AGAINST TURKEY. IN RELATED INTERVIEW PRINTED IN ENGLISH-  
LANGUAGE PAPER, REP. SOLARZ IS SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE  
TO COME TO TURKEY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

2. THA-UPI STORY PUBLISHED IN SEVERAL TURKISH PAPERS MARCH 9 STATES THAT IN LETTER SENT TO SECRETARY, HIRC CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND 18 OTHER CONGRESSMEN "INFORMED HIM THAT, PROVIDING THE PRESIDENT GIVES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IT, THEY WILL ARRANGE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AND IN FACT VERY MUCH WANT TO."

3. WIRE SERVICE STORY, WHICH ALSO REPORTS CALL BY SEN. ROBERT MORGAN FOR LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, LISTS AMONG THE LETTER'S SIGNERS WILLIAM BROOMFIELD, LEE HAMILTON, AND STEPHEN SOLARZ AS "CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE SHOWN GREAT ACTIVITY DIRECTED TOWARD ENDING THE EMBARGO." BASIC STORY ALSO SAID THE LETTER "INDICATED THAT TURKEY IS AN ALLY OF VITAL IMPORTANCE WHOSE MILITARY STRENGTH HAS BEEN WEAKENED THROUGH BEING UNABLE TO OBTAIN MILITARY AID AND SPARE PARTS FROM THE US."

4. THE STORY QUOTED "CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A FIRM DECISION WITHIN ONE OR TWO WEEKS BECAUSE THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN IN MAY. IT SAID A SUBCOMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND GREECE IN APRIL. THE STORY ALSO NOTED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES COME AT A TIME WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEGUN TO RECONSIDER "THE TURKEY-GREECE-CYPRUS QUESTION", AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE COUNSELOR NIMETZ'S RECENT TRIP TO ANKARA.  
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5. PRESS TREATMENT WAS RELATIVELY RESTRAINED. CONSERVATIVE (OPPOSITION) TERCUMAN'S MINOR FRONT-PAGE STORY, UNDER THE HEADLINE "18 US REPRESENTATIVES: 'WE WILL TRY TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY'", WAS THE ONLY ONE WHICH MIXED EDITORIAL COMMENTS INTO THE WIRE SERVICE STORY. TERCUMAN ASSERTED THAT AT A TIME WHEN THE MONTREUX SUMMIT IS IN THE OFFING, THE "SOFTENING" WHICH HAS BEGUN IN CONGRESS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT BY DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE LETTER REPRESENTS THE CONGRESSMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT IT FAVORS NORMALIZING TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT SAID THAT "THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE LETTER IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT CARTER MUST USE HIS INFLUENCE ON CONGRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO WITHOUT LOSING TIME." CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION (PRO-JUSTICE PARTY) SON HAVADIS ALSO BROUGHT IN MONTREUX, RUNNING THE HEADLINE: "THE MONTREUX SUMMIT MOVED THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO ACTION" OVER AN OTHERWISE STRAIGHT WIRE SERVICE STORY.

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6. MODERATE LEFTIST (PRO-GOVERNMENT) MILLIYET ACCOMPANIED  
WIRE SERVICE STORY WITH ITS OWN ARTICLE STATING THAT IT HAS  
BEEN OFFICIALLY DETERMINED THAT HEARINGS ON THE TURKISH DCA  
WILL BEGIN APRIL 4 RATHER THAN MARCH 13-14 "AS PREVIOUSLY  
STATED." THE MILLIYET STORY QUOTED "FOREIGN SOURCES IN  
ANKARA" AS SAYING THAT THIS NEW DATE DID NOT REPRESENT A  
POSTPONEMENT, SINCE THE HEARINGS HAD NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY  
SET FOR MARCH. SAME SOURCES ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT  
"SINCE IT IS APPARENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE HIRC MEMBERS  
HAVE A FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE TURKISH DCA, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE  
TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE LEAVING OF THE  
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DATE UNTIL APRIL AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS  
ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION."

7. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS, IN FRONT-PAGE STORY BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH REP. SOLARZ BY TUNA KOPRULU, MENTIONS LETTER AND NOTES THAT ITS SIGNERS REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE. AFTER QUOTING SOLARZ ON HIS GENERAL HOPES FOR THE GREEK-TURKISH SUMMIT IN MONTREUX, THE ARTICLE STATES THAT SOLARZ INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO TURKEY TO MEET PRIMIN ECEVIT, "WITH WHOM HE HAD A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION DURING MR. ECEVIT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JUOY 1976."  
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